

HOUSE RESOLUTION 364
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Anita Van Tries on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Anita Van Tries is one such estimable person who has served the Department of Health in the State of Tennessee with distinction for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, Anita Van Tries will be taking a much deserved retirement on May 7th, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tries moved to her beloved Tennessee in 1973 after living in Washington D.C., Africa, and numerous areas throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, she was employed by a developer in the Hendersonville area when she met Al and Tipper Gore, with whom she began a professional relationship; and

WHEREAS, Anita Van Tries worked on Representative Gore's staff for thirteen years, opening his district office in Gallatin and then becoming his Field Representative for Middle Tennessee when he was elected to the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Anita Van Tries has two devoted daughters and sons-in-law and four loving grandchildren; her daughter and son-in-law, Priscilla and Michael, live with their two sons in Beechgrove, while her other daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Mark, live in Sewanee with their two children; and

WHEREAS, Anita Van Tries exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Anita Van Tries has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Anita Van Tries our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank her for her many years of meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.